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Dear Vince,

Matt has agreed to my using his stuff on the King assassination subject to his reading and approving it. So, will you please ask Chris to let me have what he can as soon as he can? I known only what I have, which is the tape of the man whose name escapes me, describing who made the prediction in advance, etc. Matt is on the high seas, bringing a boat back from Florida. I think this addition, written in a way that disguises and safeguards the sources, will be very worthwhile. I hope Chris can do this rapidly, for I want to put my mind to other things and get this out of it.

I have written what I intended as additions on part of the material I have on the executive sessions. I think the book is long enough without it. I may use it in another book, I may add part as a new postscript to POST MORTEM. The alternative is still another book, and how may unpublished and unpublishable books can I afford to do? If I do it as a seprate book, it would have two basic subjects, Oswald as an agent, on which I have new and significant things, and the executive sessions, which are part of that story anyway. I could, in fact, do a short book on both subjects. I have half a book already on the ex sess. Lilli will soon by typing that and I can send you a copy if you'd like.

Gary's trip to Cornell, as you know, was frustrated in its purposes. One of these was to interest a Negro fried in enlisting support for publication of COUP D'ETAT. I think it has little chance of publication except privately and I am past the point of tolerable indebtedness. Do you know any of these people who could be interested? I feel that particularly now it would do some good, particularly because of the convention and the Sunday incident at Berea. In this connection, if you haven't thrown them away and if the Philadelphia papers carried anything on this, I would like to have it. The Post carried almost nothing and I see no other papers, not even the Times, which I also cannot afford. The central character and the activity in that area are already in the book.

Located some additional material on those "dick rubbers". It is coming by federal pony express, so it is not yet here.

Bud was up Sunday and read this book and examined some other things. He feels this book has no chance of commercial publication. He also likes it. His own inquiries and privateb sources convince him as Gary is convinced about Wagell, except that he thinks the entire basis may be psychological.

Despite the contrary prospects, I am making some submissions of COUP. It is now submitted and several other places will read it. That means, if we are luckier than I expect, at least a six-month delay after contract.

There is also a little more on Duriel and his "suicide" that I will add. Nothing else new. Best to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg